# Guide to Resources and Support Groups

In Washington State



Aging ana Adult Services Administration

#### How To Find Local Support Groups

The information telephone numbers listed by county can help you find local support and help. They will have information about support groups, community resources, and services within your geographical area.

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This guide furnishes information on organizations which provide support to people with disabilities or illnesses, and their caregivers.

The regional, state, and national associations often have publications that can tell you more about their areas of concern. They may have catalogs listing adaptive devices to help with activities of daily living. They can also refer you to specialized health care professionals and in some cases help financially, such as with equipment loans. They are a good resource to learn more about a specific condition or disease.

**The first section** lists state and national associations by category; you can use this to find the associations that you may wish to contact.

**The second section** lists these same associations alphabetically. We have included association information available at the time of publication.

**The third section** lists, by county, telephone numbers to contact for more local information.

**The General Help Line** will have information about a wide array of services in the community.

**The Senior Information and Assistance** number is for people who are age 60 and older and will have specific information about programs for senior citizens.

This directory is current as of Summer 1997, but telephone numbers and resource associations can change. Also, please be aware that many national associations use telephone answering machines, rather than receptionists, and it may take several weeks for printed materials to reach you. Resources in this publication are not necessarily endorsed by Aging and Adult Services Administration.

Aging and Adult Services Administration has a toll-free HelpLine that you can call for information. The number is 1-800-422-3263. You can also call the TDD 1-800-737-7931. If you know of other organizations that should be included in future editions, call 360-493-2632.



#### Listing of Regional, State, and National Asociations by Category

**AIDS** AIDS Discrimination

AIDS Hotline

Office on HIV/AIDS

Alcohol/Drug Al-Anon

Alcohol/Drug 24-Hour Help Line American Council on Alcoholism, Inc.

**Emergency-Cocaine Helpline** 

National Association for Children of Alcoholics National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and

Drug Information

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence

Alzheimer's

**Disease** Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Washington

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Eastern

Washington Chapter

Alzheimer Society of Washington

**Arthritis** Arthritis Foundation

National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

Information Clearinghouse

Blindness/Vision American Council of the Blind

American Foundation for the Blind American Optometric Association

Better Vision Institute

The Lighthouse National Center for Vision and Aging

National Eyecare Project Prevent Blindness America

Washington Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Washington Services for the Blind Washington State School for the Blind

**Cancer** American Cancer Society, Cancer Response System

Cancer Information Service Skin Cancer Foundation

Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization

**Caregivers** American Associated of Retired Persons

Children of Aging Parents

National Council on the Aging, Inc.

National Eldercare Locator National Hospice Organization

#### Deafness/Hearing

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

American Tinnitus Association Better Hearing Institute International Hearing Society National Association of the Deaf

National Information Center on Deafness

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication

Disorders Information Clearinghouse Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. Vestibular Disorders Association

#### **Developmentally Disabled**

Association for Retarded Citizens of Washington

**Developmental Disabilities Services** 

**Diabetes** American Diabetes Association

American Podiatric Medical Association National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse

**Disabled** American Paralysis Association

Amputee Outreach

Disabled American Veterans

Easter Seal Society

National Rehabilitation Information Center Washington Assistive Technology Alliance

Washington Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Washington State Head Injury Foundation

**Epilepsy** Epilepsy Association of Western Washington

Epilepsy Foundation of America

Gastro-intestinal Colitis and Ileitis Foundation

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation

National Digestive Disease Information Clearinghouse

**Heart** American Heart Association

National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute

#### Genito-urinary

Impotence Information Center

Incontinence Information Center National Association for Continence

Prostate Information Center Simon Foundation for Incontinence

#### Information, General

American Association of Retired Persons Consumer Health Information Network Library

Consumer Information Center

Consumer Product Safety Commission National Council on the Aging, Inc.

National Eldercare Locator

National Health Information Center

National Institute on Aging Information Center

Social Security/Medicare Information

#### Kidney/Liver

American Kidney Fund

American Liver Foundation

National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse

National Kidney Foundation

#### **Mental Health**

Association for Retarded Citizens of Washington

National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association National Mental Health Association Information Center

Washington Advocates for the Mentally III
Washington Community Mental Health Council

#### Neuro-muscular

American Paralysis Association

Easter Seal Society

Epilepsy Foundation of America

Huntington's Disease Society of America, Inc.

International Tremor Foundation
Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Headache Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Washington State Head Injury Foundation

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Osteoporosis National Osteoporosis Foundation

Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases-National Resource Center

#### Parkinson's Disease

American Parkinson Disease Association National Parkinson Foundation, Inc. Parkinson's Disease Foundation United Parkinson Foundation

#### Protection/Advocacy

Adult Protective Services American Red Cross

Center for Study of Pharmacy and Therapeutics for the Elderly

Complaint Resolution Unit, AASA, DSHS

**Human Rights Commission** 

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Medic Alert

National Center on Elder Abuse National Self-Help Clearinghouse

Washington Protection and Advocacy System

**Residential Care** American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging

National Association for Home Care National Hospice Organization

Washington Association of Homes for the Aging

Washington Health Care Association

**Respiratory** American Academy of Allergy and Immunology

American Lung Association of Washington Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine

Office on Smoking and Health

**Stroke** Courage Stroke Network

National Institute of Neurologic Disorders and Stroke

National Stroke Association

Other American Podiatric Medical Association

Center for Study of Pharmacy and Therapeutics for the Elderly

Lupus Foundation of America, Inc.

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc

National Self-Help Clearinghouse National Sleep Foundation

National Women's Health Network Weight-Control Information Network

#### Regional, State, and National Associations by Alphabetic Listing

#### **AIDS Discrimination**

U.S. Office for Civil Rights 1-800-362-1710 206/615-2296 Washington State Human Rights Commission Olympia, WA 1-800-233-3247 Eastern WA 1-800-662-2755 1-800-300-7525 (TTY)

#### **AIDS Hotline (Washington State)**

1-800-272-2437 AIDS Hotline (National) 1-800-342-2437 (English 1-800-344-7432 (Spanish) 1-800-243-7889 (TDD)

Provide general education and referrals to local organizations for test sites, support groups, and housing.

# Adult Protective Services (Department of Social and Health Services)

Call your local Home and Community Services office, listed in the phone book under "Washington State."

Investigates abuse, neglect, exploitation, and abandonment of adults 18 years or older.

#### Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.

1600 Corporate Landing Parkway Virginia Beach, VA 23456 804/563-1600

Organization devoted to helping families of alcoholics. Separate program for teenagers is called Alateen. Has brochures in English, Czechoslovakian, Danish, Esperanto, Flemish, French,

German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

For meeting times call Al-Anon Info Service 1402 Third Avenue Vance Building, Room 803, Seattle, WA 98101 206/625-0000

#### Al-Anon Information Service /Bookstore

2200 Broadway, Suite 1 Vancouver, WA 98663 360/693-5781

#### Alcohol/Drug 24-Hour Help Line

P.O. Box 18317 Seattle, WA 98118-0317 206/722-3700 1-800-562-1240

Provides information and referrals about chemical dependency treatment, twelvestep programs, private counselors, DWI and legal problems, and medical problems. Has information about alcohol and other drugs.

# Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Washington

120 Northgate Plaza, #316 Seattle, WA 98125 206/783-6600 1-800-848-7097 Sponsors support groups, educational forums, literature, lending library, and

statewide information and referral.

#### Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Eastern Washington Chapter

N. 5125 Market Street Spokane, WA 99207 509/483-8456

Offers support groups, educational materials, and statewide information and referral. There is a lending library of videos and books; also has speakers and publishes a quarterly newsletter.

#### **Alzheimer Society of Washington**

P. O. Box 4104 Bellingham, WA 98227 360/671-3316

Sponsors self-help groups, publishes a monthly newsletter, and furnishes inservice training for providers. Also advocates for services for persons with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers. Maintains a library of resource materials and sponsors caregiver conferences each year.

#### American Academy of Allergy and Immunology

611 E. Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202 1-800-822-2762

#### American Association of Homes for the Aging

901 E Street NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20004-2037 202/738-2242

### American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

9750 Third Avenue NE, Fourth Floor Seattle, WA 98115 206/526-7918 1-800-424-3410 Provides education and support programs: Work Force, Women's Financial, 55 Alive. Advocates for state and national legislative issues. Also provides information and referral on most senior concerns.

#### American Cancer Society, Cancer Response System

2120 First Avenue N. Seattle, WA 98109 206/283-1152 1-800-227-2345

Provides information and referral for cancer-related topics. Maintains support groups and classes, educational materials for the lay public and health professionals, and a referral system.

## American Council on Alcoholism, Inc.

2522 St. Paul Street Baltimore, MD 21218 410/889-0100

Dedicated to educating the public to view alcoholism and problem drinking as conditions which are responsive to intervintion and treatment. Provides publications, professional literature, and alcohol education for drivers.

#### **American Council of the Blind**

1155 15th Street NW, Suite 720 Washington, DC 20005 202/467-5081 1-800-424-8666

Provides information and referral; scholarship assistance; public education and awareness training; support and legal assistance to consumer advocates; leadership and legislative training; and a free magazine, *The Braille Forum*.

# American Diabetes Association Washington Affiliate

557 Roy Street, Lower Level Seattle, WA 98109 206/282-4616 1-800-628-8808

Provides educational meetings and support groups, patient referral, and a free lending library of books and videotapes. Material is available in Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Korean, and Vietnamese. Also provides services for youth: camps, social and educational programs, and in-school diabetes education.

### American Foundation for the Blind

15 West 16th Street New York, NY 10011 Western Regional Center San Francisco, CA 415/392-4845 1-800-232-5463

Provides education and resources to people who are blind or visually impaired. Catalogs available for publications and assisting devices.

#### **American Heart Association**

Northwest Area Office 4414 Woodland Park Avenue North Seattle, WA 98103 206/632-6881 1-800-562-6718

Offices have audiovisual materials, nutrition programs, speakers' bureaus, and general information about heart disease risk reductions. Provides referrals to cardiac rehabilitation programs and other local resources.

Eastern Area Office
South 9 Washington, Suite 215
Spokane, WA 99204
509/536-1500
Southwest Area Office
16 Tacoma Avenue North
Tacoma, WA 98403
253/272-7854

#### **American Kidney Fund**

6110 Executive Boulevard, Suite 1010 Rockville, MD 20852 301/881-3052 1-800-638-8299

Provides grants to financially-needy patients and educational programs and resource information to health care professionals. Provides public education materials and organ donor materials.

#### **American Liver Foundation**

1425 Pompton Avenue Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 201/256-2550 1-800-223-0179

Provides medical education programs and encourages research into diseases of the liver, gall bladder and bile ducts. Assists patients and families in coping with liver diseases

## American Lung Association of Washington

2625 3rd Avenue Seattle, WA 98121-1213 206/441-5100 1-800-586-4872

Has support groups for people with chronic lung disease.

Tacoma Regional Office
223 Tacoma Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98402-2513
253/272-8777
Yakima Regional Office
Providence Yakima Medical Center
110 S. 9th Avenue
Yakima, WA 98902
509/248-4384
Spokane Regional Office
W. 316 Boone St., Suite 21
Spokane, WA 99201
509/325-6516

#### **American Optometric Association**

Communications Center 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63141 314/991-4100

Publishes consumer education materials on eye care topics. Single copies are free.

#### **American Paralysis Association**

500 Morris Avenue Springfield, NJ 07081 201/379-2690 1-800-225-0292

Maintains Spinal Cord Injury HOTLINE, which helps callers search for support and resources. Call 1-800-526-3456.

#### American Parkinson Disease Association

1250 Hylan Blvd., Suite 4B Staten Island, NY 10305 1-800-223-2732 206/543-5369 (Washington State)

Sponsors support groups and information and referral centers and publishes a newsletter and other educational manuals.

### American Podiatric Medical Association

Department FC 9312 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, MD 20814-1698

Catalogue of printed and audiovisual materials, as well as lists of products qualified for Seal of Acceptance and Approval of APMA. For referrals to individual doctors of podiatric medicine, call 360/479-2345.

#### **American Red Cross**

P. O. Box 37243 Washington, DC 20013 202/737-8300

Provides disaster relief, health and safety services and courses, social services, blood services, transplantation services, and AIDS education.

#### American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

10801 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20851 1-800-638-8255

Provides information about communication disorders and referrals to speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

#### **American Tinnitus Association**

PO Box 5 Portland, OR 97207-0005 503/248-9985

Supports research and education related to treatment and cure of tinnitus, or "ear-ringing". Publishes many informational brochures, tapes, and videos.

#### **Amputee Outreach**

206/481-6523

Sends visitors to recent amputees at home, in hospitals, or in nursing homes to counsel and share experiences.

#### **Arthritis Foundation**

100 S. King Street, Suite 330 Seattle, WA 98104 1-800-283-7800

Provides information on support groups and aquatic programs; has brochures on arthritis and related diseases.

#### Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

1125 15th Street, N.W., Suite 502 Washington, D.C. 20005 202/466-7643

Supports patient and public education programs and has a network of chapters and support groups. Also publishes brochures and a bi-monthly patient education newsletter.

# Association for Retarded Citizens of Washington

360/357-5596

Provides information and referral to local chapters for services.

#### **Better Hearing Institute**

PO Box 1840 Washington, DC 20013 1-800-EAR-WELL (Voice/TDD)

Informs people with impaired hearing, as well as the general public, about hearing loss and available help through medicine, surgery, amplification, and other rehabilitation.

#### **Better Vision Institute**

1800 N. Kent Street, Suite 904 Rosslyn, VA 22209 1-800-424-8422

Has information on a number of topics related to sight and eye care.

#### Cancer Information Service

31 Center Drive MSC 2580 Building 31, Room 10A16 Bethesda, MD 20892-2580 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) (Voice) 1-800-332-8615 (TTY)

Can provide specific information in English and Spanish about particular types of cancer, as well as information on how to obtain second opinions and the availability of clinical trials.

### Center for the Study of Pharmacy and Therapeutics for the Elderly

University of Maryland at Baltimore 20 North Pine Street Baltimore, MD 21201-1180 410/706-4243

Publish brochures about prescription drugs, generic drugs, over-the-counter medications, and other health issues relevant to older people.

#### **Children of Aging Parents**

1609 Woodbourne Road, Suite 302-A Levittown, PA 19057 215/945-6900

Provides information on Washington State resources for caregiver support groups, as well as how to find a caregiver support group. Has brochures with information for caregivers.

#### Colitis and Ileitis Foundation

386 Park Avenue South, 17th floor New York, NY 10016 212/685-3440

#### **Complaint Resolution Unit**

1-800-562-6078 1-800-737-7931(TDD)

Complaints about care in nursing homes, Adult Family Homes, and state-contracted Assisted Living and Adult Residential Care can be reported.

#### Consumer Health Information Network Library

400 NE Mother Joseph Place Vancouver, WA 98668 360/256-2045 (Voice) 360/256-4180 (TDD)

Helps individuals locate current healthrelated information, including books, pamphlets, magazines, and videotapes.

#### **Consumer Information Center**

Pueblo, CO 81009 719/948-4000 http://www.pueblo@gsa.gov

Established to help Federal agencies and departments develop, promote and distribute consumer information to the public. Request a free copy of *Consumer Information Cataloa*.

### Consumer Product Safety Commission

Washington, DC 20207 1-800-638-2772 (English/Spanish)

Produces publications on safety in the home (poison prevention, electrical safety, fire safety, home heating equipment, indoor air quality) and outdoors.

#### **Courage Stroke Network**

1-800-553-6321

Provides information and referral.

#### **Crohn's and Colitis Foundation**

386 Park Avenue South, 17th floor New York, NY 10016-8804 1-800-932-2423

Raises funds for research and provides education and support services.

#### Developmental Disabilities Services-State Residential Rehabilitation Centers

360/753-0541 1-800-637-5627 (Voice and TDD)

Refers to regional office for case management, residential and community support, employment, and family support.

#### **Disabled American Veterans**

PO Box 14301 Cincinnati, Oh 45250-0301 606/441-7300

Counsel veterans and their families on veterans' benefits and services. Also function as attorneys-in-fact and assist veterans in filing claims for VA disability compensation, death benefits, pension, and other benefits

#### **Easter Seal Society**

521 Second Avenue W. Seattle, WA 98119 206/281-5700 (Voice/TDD) 1-800-678-5708

Provides services to people with disabilities, including camping and therapeutic recreation, therapeutic horseback riding, respite care, housing assistance and modification, medical equipment, polio outreach, stroke resource information and support, information and referral, and vocational rehabilitation.

Spokane Regional Office
West 606 Sharp

Spokane, WA 99201 509/326-8292 (Voice/TDD) Provides services to people with d

Provides services to people with disabilities, including: durable medical equipment loan and lease; vocational rehabilitation; information and referral; dental referral; computer loan; and assistive technology.

#### **Emergency-Cocaine Helpline**

1-800-262-2463

General information on any drug; referral to inpatient and outpatient services and self-help support groups for drug abuse.

# **Epilepsy Association** of Western Washington

200 W. Thomas, Suite 105 Seattle, WA 98119 206/286-4440 1-800-752-3509

Provides direct services for people with epilepsy. Maintains public education programs, self-help groups, parents' programs, and community support project with King County.

#### **Epilepsy Foundation of America**

1-800-332-1000

Provides referral to doctors, social services, and legal organizations; maintains information and drug discount program.

#### **Human Rights Commission**

1-800-662-2755 (Eastern Washington) 1-800-233-3247 (Western Washington)

Investigates discrimination in employment, real estate transactions, insurance, credit, and places of public accommodation.

# Huntington's Disease Society of America, Inc.

140 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10011-2420 206/469-6512 (Washington Chapter) http://neuro-www2.mgh.harvard.edu/ hdsa/hdsamain.nclk

Produces many publications and videotapes about this disease and caregiving.

#### **Impotence Information Center**

P. O. Box 9 Minneapolis, MN 55440 1-800-843-4315

Provides information about the causes and treatments of impotence, including a list of physicians within the caller's geographic area who treat impotence.

#### **Incontinence Information Center**

P. O. Box 9 Minneapolis, MN 55440 1-800-543-9632

Provides information about the causes and treatments of incontinence, including a list of physicians within the caller's geographic area who treat incontinence.

#### **International Hearing Society**

20361 Middlebelt Road Livonia, Michigan 48152 1-800-521-5247 (Hearing Aid Helpline)

Can provide information about hearing loss and hearing aids.

#### International Tremor Foundation

833 West Washington Boulevard P. O. Box DR Chicago, IL 60607 312/733-1893

Provides written information on essential tremor, a neurologic disorder in which patients exhibit a rhythmic trembling of the hands, head, legs, trunk, and/or voice. Also maintains a referral network of specialists.

# The Lighthouse National Center for Vision and Aging

111 E. 59th Street New York, NY 10022-1202 1-800-334-5497 (Voice/TDD)

Information about age-related eye disorders, vision rehabilitation options, training for independent living, self-help groups for people with vision impairments, and how to locate services across the US. Produces catalog of educational publications and videos and a catalog of non-optical products helpful for people with low vision.

#### Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

1-800-562-6028

Mediates disputes for residents of longterm care facilities; provides information about legal rights and resources for residents of nursing homes, boarding homes, and adult family homes.

## Lupus Foundation of America, Inc.

4 Research Place, Suite 180 Rockville, MD 20850-3226 1-800-558-0121

Distributes literature relating to lupus.

#### **Medic Alert**

2323 Colorado Avenue Turlock, CA 95382 1-800-825-3785

Emblem is worn as bracelet or necklace with words "Medic Alert". On the reverse side are engraved the special medical conditions of the wearer, the wearer's ID, and Emergency Response Center telephone number. Emergency personnel can call this number around the clock and receive the member's computerized medical record.

#### **Muscular Dystrophy Association**

206/283-2183 (Seattle) 509/455-4501 (Spokane)

Maintains clinics with doctors and transportation; also orthopedic equipment, support groups, physical therapy, and occupational therapy; serves patients of 40 diseases associated with neuro-muscular disease. Also serves people with ALS.

# National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Information Clearinghouse

1 AMS Circle Bethesda, MD 20892-3675 301/495-4484 (Voice) 301/565-2966 (TTY) http://www.nih.gov.niams

Produces brochures and information packages on many different forms of arthritis and numerous diseases of the musculoskeletal system and of the skin.

#### National Association for Children of Alcoholics

11426 Rockville Pike, Suite 100 Rockville, MD 20852 301/468-0985 1-888-554-2627

### National Association for Continence

P. O. Box 8310 Spartanburg, SC 29305-8310 803/579-7900 1-800-BLADDER

Provides education, advocacy, and support to the public and health profession about causes, prevention, and management alternatives for incontinence.

#### **National Association of the Deaf**

814 Thayer Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910-4500 301/587-1788 (Voice) 301/587-1789 (TTY) NADH@juno.comhttp://www.nad.org

The Public Information Center responds to requests for information about deafness and related subjects and makes referrals. The Law Center handles legal matters important to the deaf and hard of hearing community. NAD also publishes a national newspaper.

#### **National Association for Home Care**

519 C Street NE Stanton Park Washington, DC 20002

#### **National Center on Elder Abuse**

810 First Street, N.E., Suite 500 Washington, DC 20002-4267 http://interinc.com/NCEA 202/682-2470

Among other activities, this center responds to inquires about elder abuse from the public.

#### National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

PO Box 2345 Rockville, MD 20847-2345 1-800-487-4889 (English/Spanish) http://www.health.org

Distributes studies, guide, videocassettes, and other information on substance abuse.

### National Council on the Aging, Inc.

NCOA Publications P. O. Box 7227, Ben Franklin Station Washington, DC 20044

# National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc.

12 West 21st Street New York, NY 10010 1-800-NCA-CALL http://www.ncadd.org

Publishes a monthly public policy newsletter, a quarterly information newsletter, and fact sheets, brochures, and video tapes.

#### National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association

730 North Franklin St., Suite 501 Chicago, IL 60610 1-800-82-NDMDA

Provides outreach and support through local chapters, education, and advocacy.

#### National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse

1 Information Way Bethesda, MD 20892-3560 301/654-3327 ndic@aerie.com

Provides information about diabetes to people with diabetes and their families. Produces many publications.

#### National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse

Box NDDIC Bethesda, MD 20892 301/654-3810 nddic@aerie.com Dedicated to increasing knowledge about digestive diseases and health among patients, families, health care professionals, and the general public.

### National Eldercare Locator 1-800-677-1116

Help identify community resources for seniors anywhere in the United States.

### National Eyecare Project 1-800-222-EYES

Participating doctors provide medical eye exams and treatment to persons age 65 or older.

#### **National Headache Foundation**

428 W. St. James Place, 2nd Floor Chicago, IL 60614-2750 1-800-843-2256

Has extensive information about headaches, prevention, and treatments. Serves as information resource and promotes research into potential headache causes and treaments.

### National Health Information Center 1-800-336-4797

Provides referral services for health topics.

#### National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Information Center

PO Box 30105 Bethesda, MD 20824-0105 1-800-575-WELL (Information line on heart health, English and Spanish)

Publishes educational materials on cardiovascular problems, pulmonary problems, and blood diseases.

#### **National Hospice Organization**

1901 North Moore Street, Suite 901 Arlington, VA 22209 1-800-658-8898

Provides referral information about hospices in the caller's area. Also provides educational programs, technical assistance, and training curricula.

#### National Information Center on Deafness

Gallaudet University 800 Florida Avenue NE Washington, DC 20002-3695 202/651-5051 (voice) 202/651-5052 (TTY) nicd@gallux.gallaudet.edu

Collects, develops, and disseminates information on deafness, hearing loss, and services and programs related to people with hearing loss. Has many publications.

# National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Office of Communications Building 31, Room 7A50 31 Center Drive MSC 2520 Bethesda, MD 20892-2520 301/496-5717

Publishes free pamphlets in English and Spanish on AIDS, allergies, rabies, and sexually transmitted diseases.

#### National Institute on Aging Information Center

P. O. Box 8057 Gaithersburg, MD 20898 1-800-222-2225 1-800-222-4225 (TTY) Offers publications and fact sheets on diseases and disorders, health promotion, and medical care. Targeted audiences are health professionals, older people, and family members.

#### National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Information Clearinghouse

1 Communication Avenue Bethesda, MD 20892-3456 1-800-241-1044 (Voice) 1-800-241-1055 (TDD)

Provides information and resources on the normal and disordered mechanisms of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language.

#### National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

P. O. Box 5801 Bethesda, MD 20824 1-800-352-9424 http://www.nih.gov/ninds/

Publications list includes many publications for patients and families on neurological disorders.

#### National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine

1400 Jackson Street Denver, CO 80206 1-800-222-LUNG

Specializes in treating and researching respiratory and immune system disorders. Registered nurses can answer questions on toll-free line; also distributes literature.

#### **National Kidney Foundation**

30 East 33rd Street New York, NY 10016 1-800-622-9010

Provides informational brochures.

#### National Kidney and Urologic Diseases **Information Clearinghouse**

3 Information Wav Bethesda, MD 20892-3580 301/654-4415 nkudic@aerie com

Provides information about disease of the kidneys and urologic system.

#### National Mental Health Association Information Center

1021 Prince Street Alexandria, VA 22314-2971 1-800-969-6642

Publishes newsletters and educational brochures.

#### **National Multiple Sclerosis Society**

2328 Sixth Avenue Seattle, WA 98121 1-800-800-7047

Provides telephone information and referral, equipment assistance (loan and subsidy), counseling, education, advocacy, exercise programs, and support groups.

#### Central Washington Chapter

P. O. Box 1093 Yakima, WA 98907-1093 509/248-2350 1-800-736-7312 **Inland Northwest Chapter** 818 E. Sharp Spokane, WA 99202 509/482-2022 1-800-726-2826

#### **National Organization** for Rare Disorders. Inc.

P. O. Box 8923 New Fairfield, CT 06812-8923 203/746-6518 or 1-800-999-6673

Serves as a clearinghouse for information about rare disorders; educates the public and professionals and supports research on rare disorders.

#### **National Osteoporosis Foundation**

1150 17th Street NW. Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036-4603 1-800-231-4222 http://www.nof.org

For information and help to form a support group, contact Liz Stone 312/464-5110.

Provides information, education, and support regarding osteoporosis.

#### National Parkinson Foundation, Inc.

1501 N. W. 9th Avenue Miami, FL 33136-1494 1-800-327-4545

Offers public education, disseminates information through brochures, and raises public awareness of Parkinson's disease.

#### National Rehabilitation Information Center

202/635-5826 or 1-800-346-2742

Publishes newsletters, resource guides, and program directory.

#### **National Self-Help Clearinghouse**

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Room 620 New York, NY 10036 212/642-2944

Encourages and conducts training about working with self-help groups; publishes manuals, training materials, and a newsletter.

#### **National Sleep Foundation**

1367 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036 202/347-3471

National referral service; publishes information on sleep and sleep disorders, and sponsors National Narcolepsy Registry.

#### **National Stroke Association**

96 Inverness Drive East, Suite I Englewood, CO 80112-5112 1-800-STROKES http://www.stroke.org

Offers print and audio-visual materials on stroke prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation

#### National Women's Health Network

514 10<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20004 202/628-7814

Publishes research and information on women's health issues

# Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

P. O. Box 45300 Olympia, WA 98504-5300 360/753-0703 360/753-0699 (TDD)

Information about service centers throughout the state for the deaf and hard of hearing.

#### Office on HIV/AIDS

P. O. Box 47840 Olympia, WA 98504-7840 360/586-0426 1-800-272-2437

Provides information and referral, answers questions, distributes informational material and operates a video loan library. Provides access to Office of Client Services, which assists with early intervention and statewide case management.

#### Office on Smoking and Health

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Publications Catalog, Mail Stop K-50 4770 Buford Highway, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30341-3724 1-800-CDC-1311 (Spanish and English) http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/osh/ tobacco.htm

Contact them for a catalog of free publications.

#### Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases - National Resource Center

1150 17th Street, NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036-4603 202/223-0344 (Voice) 202/446-4315 (TTY)

Contact them about publications.

#### **Parkinson's Disease Foundation**

William Black Medical Research Building, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center 710 West 168th Street New York, NY 10032 1-800-457-6676

Provides educational literature to patients, caregivers, and health care professionals, as well as support group information, quarterly newsletter, physician referrals, counseling, and advocacy.

#### **Prevent Blindness America**

500 East Remington Road Schaumburg, IL 60173 847/843-2020 1-800-331-2020

Publishes consumer newsletter; provides education, community programs, and research.

#### **Prostate Information Center**

P. O. Box 9 Minneapolis, MN 55440 1-800-543-9632

Provides general information about prostate disease, including a list of physicians who treat prostate disease within the caller's geographic area.

# Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc.

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200 Bethesda, MD 20814 301/657-2248 (Voice) 301/657-2249 (TTY) 71162@compuserv.com

Publishes a journal and information on ADA, other information; provides hearing health care benefit plan and other services.

#### Simon Foundation

P. O. Box 815 Wilmette, IL 60091 847/ 864-3913 1-800-237-4666

Publishes a quarterly newsletter as well as reprint articles and a book on incontinence.

#### **Skin Cancer Foundation**

245 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2402 New York, NY 10016 212/725-5176

This organization is concerned solely with the world's most prevalent malignancy cancer of the skin. Produces brochures, posters, books, newsletters, and audiovisual materials.

### Social Security/Medicare Information 1-800-772-1213

Provides general information and Social Security and Medicare benefits.

#### **United Parkinson Foundation**

833 West Washington Boulevard Chicago, IL 60607 312/733-1893

Provides printed literature, taped materials, and local and national support groups and medical care. You can purchase a threepart set of exercises developed for the PD patient.

#### Vestibular Disorders Association

P. O. Box 4467 Portland, OR 97208-4467 1-800-837-8428 503/228-8665 (TTY) veda@teleport.com

Information and support for people with dizziness, balance disorders, and related hearing problems. Has a newsletter, fact sheets and brochures, educational videotapes, and information about vestibular diagnostic centers and physicians.

# Washington Advocates for the Mentally III

802 NW 70th Street Seattle, WA 98177-5135 206/789-7722 1-800-782-WAMI

Seeks to improve the quality of direct services for the psychiatric disabled. Provides support groups and information and referral.

#### Washington Assistive Technology Alliance

606 W. Sharp Avenue Spokane, WA 99201 509/328-9350 (Voice/TDD) 1-800-214-8731 ewaratrc@poweramp.com

Provides demonstration, referral, education and training to individuals with disabilities, providers, and trainers.

# Washington Association of Homes for the Aging

16000 Christensen Road, Suite 303 Seattle, WA 98188 206/248-7434

Has brochure listing members and information about senior living alternatives.

#### Washington Community Mental Health Council

206/628-4608

Provides information and referral to Community Mental Health Centers in Washington State.

#### Washington Department of Services for the Blind

1-800-552-7103

Helps people who are blind or visually impaired become and remain independent.

#### **Washington Health Care Association**

2120 State NE, Suite 102 Olympia, WA 98506 360/352-3304 1-800-562-6170

Has brochures on nursing facilities and other residential care settings.

# Washington Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

206/464-6930 1-800-542-0866

Services include readers' services, taping service, Braille, and volunteer services.

## Washington Protection and Advocacy System

206/324-1521 (Voice/TDD) 1-800-562-2702 (Voice/TDD)

Advocates for the rights of a person with any disability. Provides attorney services without charge if case is accepted.

# Washington State Head Injury Foundation

300 120th Street, NE Building 3, Suite 131 Bellevue, WA 98005 206/451-0000 1-800-523-5438

Provides help to people with traumatic brain injury and their families through information and referral, advocacy, educational materials, and support networks and groups.

# Washington State School for the Blind

360/696-6321

State-funded school for blind children ages 3 through 21 years.

#### Weight-Control Information Network

1 WIN Way Bethesda, MD 20892-3665 301/951-1120 WINNIDDK@aol.com

Information on weight control, obesity, and weight-related nutritional disorders.

# Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization

212 West Van Buren Chicago, IL 60607 1-800-221-2141 or 312/986-8228

Provides hotline services, education, presurgical counseling and referral service, and a newsletter. The above numbers also access a Men's Hotline and a Spanish Hotline.



County	General Help Line	Senior Information and Assistance
Adams	Community Counseling Services 165 North First Othello 99344 <b>509-488-561</b> I 120 E. Main Ritzville <b>509-659-0244</b>	Columbia River Area Agency on Aging 230 N. Georgia East Wenatchee 98802 1-800-572-4459 1-800-833-6388 (TTY)
Asotin	YWCA - Dial Help 300 Main Street Lewiston, Idaho 83501 <b>208-746-9655</b>	Asotin County Senior I&A 549 5th Street, Suite 2 Clarkston 99403 <b>509-758-2355</b>
Benton	Contact P. O. Box 684 Richland 99352 <b>509-943-6606</b>	Benton County Senior I&A 8300 Gage, Suite 4-B, Box 112 Kennewick 99336 509-735-0315 1231 Dudley Avenue Prosser 99350 509-786-3066
Chelan	Crisis Line Chelan-Douglas Mental Health Center P. O. Box 520 Wenatchee 98807 <b>509-662-7105</b> <b>1-800-852-2923</b>	Columbia River Area Agency on Aging 230 N. Georgia East Wenatchee 98802 1-800-572-4459 1-800-833-6388 (TTY)
Clallam	Crisis Line Peninsula Mental Health Center 118 8th Street Port Angeles 98362 360-452-4500 accepts collect calls	Senior Information and Assistance P. O. Box 1644 Forks 98331 360-374-9496 1-800-801-0070 328 E. 7th, Suite 201 Port Angeles 98362 360-452-3221 1-800-801-0070

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Clark	Information and Referral c/o Human Services Council P. O. Box 425 Vancouver 98666 <b>360-694-8899 (V/TTY)</b>	Human Services Council P. O. Box 425 Vancouver 98666-0425 360-694-8144 (V/TTY) 1-800-752-9422 (V/TTY)
Columbia	Columbia County Public Health Dept. 221 E. Washington Street Dayton 99328 <b>509-382-2181</b>	Columbia County Senior I&A P. O. Box 44 Dayton 99328 <b>509-382-4787</b>
Colville Reservation		Colville Indian Area Agency on Aging P. O. Box 150 Nespelem 99115 <b>509-634-8849</b>
Cowlitz	Lower Columbia Mental Health Center 600 Broadway Suite 200 Longview 98632 <b>360-425-5380</b>	Lower Columbia Community Action Council P. O. Box 2129 Longview 98632 <b>360-425-3430</b>
Douglas	Crisis Line Chelan-Douglas Mental Health Center P. O. Box 520 Wenatchee 98807 509-662-7105 1-800-852-2923	Columbia River Area Agency on Aging 230 N. Georgia East Wenatchee 98802 1-800-572-4459 1-800-833-6388 (TTY)
Ferry	Community Services 42 Klondike Road Republic 9916 509-775-3341	Northwest County Ferry County Community Services 42 Klondike Rd Republic 99166 509-775-3341 Northeast County NE WA Rural Resources Development Association 320 North Main Street Colville 99114 509-684-3932

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Franklin	Contact P. O. Box 684 Richland 99352 <b>509-943-6606</b>	Franklin County Senior I&A 1315 North 7th Pasco 99301 <b>509-545-3459</b>
Garfield	_	Garfield County Senior I&A P. O. Box 23 Pomeroy 99347 <b>509-843-3563</b>
Grant	Crisis Line Grant County Mental Health P. O. Box 1056 Moses Lake 98837 509-765-1717 accepts collect calls	Columbia River Area Agency on Aging 230 N. Georgia East Wenatchee 98802 Moses Lake 1-800-572-4459 1-800-833-6388 (TTY)
Grays Harbor	Crisis Line 205 8th Street Hoquiam 98550 <b>360-532-4357</b> <b>1-800-685-6556</b>	Senior Information and Assistance 2700 Simpson Avenue Suite 205 P. O. Box 124 Aberdeen 98520 360-532-0520 1-800-801-0060
Island	Island County Health Department 410 N. Main , P. O. Box 5000 Coupeville 98239 360-679-7351 from south Island 360-321-4868	Senior Services of Island County 2845 East Highway 525 Langley 98260 360-321-1600 (Voice/TDD) 360-678-3373 50 N. Main Street Coupeville 98239 360-678-8886 141 N.E. Camano Drive Camano Island 98292 360-387-6201 2327 20th Northwest Oak Harbor 98277 360-675-0311
Jefferson 4	Crisis Line 802 Sheridan, MS 113 Port Townsend 98638 <b>360-385-0321</b> <b>1-800-659-0321</b>	Senior Information and Assistance P. O. Box 1072 423 Washington Street Port Townsend 98638 360-385-2552 1-800801-0050

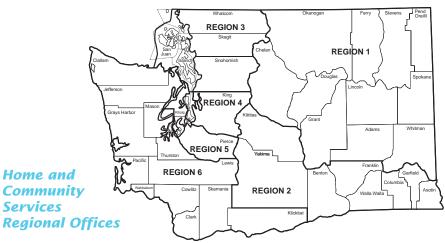
County	General Help Line	Senior Information and Assistance
King	Community Information Line Crisis Clinic 1515 Dexter Ave. N #300 Seattle 98109 206-461-3200 1-800-621-INFO	Senior Services of Seattle-King County 1601 2nd Ave., Suite 800 Seattle 98101 206-448-3110 1-800-972-9990 Asian Counseling and Referral Service (Pacific/Asian and Indochinese Dialects) 1032 S. Jackson, Suite 200
	(in county only)	Seattle 98104 <b>206-461-3606</b>
		Chinese Information and Service Center (Chinese Dialects) 409 Maynard Avenue South, second floor Seattle 98104 206-624-4062
		Latino Information and Assistance (Spanish) Sea-Mar Community Health Center 8720 14th Avenue South Seattle 98108 206-764-4716
Kitsap	Crisis Clinic 5455 Almira Drive NE Bremerton 98310 <b>360-479-3033</b> <b>1-800-843-4793</b>	Senior Information & Assistance 614 Division St. MS 5 Port Orchard 98366 360-895-5700 1-800-562-6418
Kittitas	Crisis Line 508 N. Nanum Ellensburg 98926 509-925-4168 from Cle Elum , Roslyn, Eaton 509-674-2881	Kittitas County Senior I&A 206 W. First Avenue Ellensburg 98926 <b>509-925-1928</b>

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Klickitat	Mental Health Clinic 112 W. Main St. Goldendale 98620 <b>509-773-5801</b> <b>1-800-235-4765</b>	Klickitat County Senior Services P. O. Box 1877 White Salmon 98672 509-493-3068 Goldendale 509-773-3757 Outside local areas 1-800-447-7858
Lewis	Human Response Network P. O. Box 337 Chehalis 98532 360-748-6601 1-800-244-7414 (in county only)	Sisters of Providence 155 N. Market Blvd. Chehalis 98532 <b>360-740-8340</b> <b>1-800-843-3053</b> P. O. Box 668 Morton 98356 <b>360-496-6300</b> <b>1-800-247-5872 (TTY)</b>
Lincoln	_	Columbia River Area Agency on Aging 230 N. Georgia East Wenatchee 98802 1-800-572-4459 1-800-833-6388 (TTY)
Mason	Crisis Clinic P. O. Box 2463 Olympia 98507 360-352-2211 1-800-627-2211 (north county only)	Lewis/Mason/Thurston Area Agency on Aging 428 W. Birch Shelton 98584 <b>360-426-9612</b>
Okanogan	Family Health Center P. O. Box 1340 Okanogan 98840 (509) 422-5700 1-800-660-2129 (in county only)	Columbia River Area Agency on Aging 230 N. Georgia East Wenatchee 98802 1-800-572-4459 1-800-833-6388 (TTY)

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Pacific	Crisis Support Network HCR 78 Box 336 Naselle 98638 360-484-7191 1-800-435-7276	Senior Information and Assistance 1-800-801-0060 312 Duryea Raymond 98577 360-942-2177 P. O. Box 603 Ilwaco 98624 360-642-3634
Pend Oreille	_	NE WA Rural Resources Development Association 320 North Main Street Colville 99114 <b>509-684-3932</b>
Pierce	United Way 734 Broadway Tacoma 98401-2215 253-572-HELP (572-4357) 1-800-572-HELP (572-4357)	Senior Information and Assistance 747 Market Street #1036 Tacoma 98402 253-591-5090 1-800-562-0332 Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care 8811 S. Tacoma Way #210 Tacoma 98499 253-591-7236 1-800-642-5769
San Juan	North Islands Counseling and Psychotherapy P. O. Box 247 Friday Harbor 98250 <b>360-378-2669</b>	San Juan Senior Center P. O. Box 951 Friday Harbor 98250 360-378-2677 (Voice/TDD) Orcas Senior Center P. O. Box 18 Eastsound 98245 360-376-2677 (Voice/TDD) Lopez Senior Center P. O. Box 154 Lopez 98261 360-468-2421

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Skagit	Skagit County Community Action Agency 613 S. Second Mt. Vernon 98273 <b>360-336-6627</b>	Skagit County Senior Services 315 South Third Street Mount Vernon 98273 360-336-9345 1-800-385-3093 (TDD) P. O. Box 787 Concrete 98237-0787 360-853-8400
Skamania	Department of Social and Health Services 200 Second St Stevenson 98648 <b>509-427-5611</b>	Skamania County Senior Services P. O. Box 369 Stevenson 98648 509-427-9466
Snohomish	Community Information Line Volunteers of America 2802 Broadway Everett 98206 425-258-4227 1-800-223-8145	Senior Information and Assistance 8221 44th Avenue West, Suite E Mukilteo 98275-2847 <b>425-513-1900</b> <b>1-800-422-2024</b>
Spokane	Crisis Hotline Spokane Mental Health S. 107 Division Spokane 99203 <b>509-838-4428</b>	Spokane Mental Health Elder Services N. 5125 Market Street Spokane 99207 <b>509-458-7450</b>
Stevens	_	NE WA Rural Resources Development Association 320 North Main Street Colville 99114 509-684-3932
Thurston	Crisis Clinic P. O. Box 2463 Olympia 98507 <b>360-352-2211</b>	Lewis/Mason/Thurston Area Agency on Aging 919 Lakeridge Way S.W. Suite A Olympia 98502-6026 <b>360-664-2168</b>

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Wahkiakum	Community Information and Referral Center 42 Elochoman Valley Rd Cathlamet 98612 <b>360-795-3917</b> (Tues. and Thurs.)	Lower Columbia Community Action Council P. O. Box 2129 Longview 98632 <b>360-425-3430</b>
Walla Walla	Crisis Line 216 S. Palouse Walla Walla 99362 <b>509-522-4278</b>	Walla Walla County Senior I&A 109 S. 2nd Ave. Walla Walla 99362 <b>509-529-6470</b>
Whatcom	Whatcom County Crisis Services 1407 Commercial Street Bellingham 98228 360-384-1485 or 734-7271	Whatcom County Council on Aging 315 Halleck Bellingham 98225 360-733-4030 (Voice/TDD) 360-398-1995
Whitman	Crisis Line <b>509-332-1505</b>	Council on Aging and Human Services P. O. Box 107 Colfax 99111 509-397-4305
Yakima	Access Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health P. O. Box 959 Yakima 98907 509-575-3456 1-800-523-2073	Yakima Senior I&A <u>Upper Valley</u> P. O. Box 8327  Yakima 98908-0327 <b>509-575-1080 1-800-572-7354</b> <u>Lower Valley</u> P.O. Box 1272  Zillah 98953 <b>509-829-3905</b> Yakima Senior Center 602 N. 4th St.  Yakima 98901 <b>509-575-6166</b>
Yakima Nation		Yakima Nation Area Agency on Aging P.O. Box 151 Toppenish 98948 <b>509-865-5121 Ext. 481</b>



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Spokane, Grant, Okanogan, Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Lincoln, Ferry, Stevens, Whitman and Pend Oreille Counties (509) 323-9400 • 1-800-459-0421

#### Region 2

Yakima, Kittitas, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin Counties

(509) 575-2006 **■** 1-800-822-2097

#### Region 3

Snohomish, Skagit, Island, San Juan and Whatcom Counties **(360) 428-1434** ■ **1-800-487-0416** 

#### Region 4

King County

(206) 587-5620 • 1-800-346-9257

#### Region 5

Pierce and Kitsap Counties

(253) 593-6164 • 1-800-442-5129

#### Region 6

Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Skamania, Klickitat and Clark Counties

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